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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. through 43. (Canceled).

44. (Currently Amended) An apparatus to condition a grip on a shaft of a golf club, the apparatus comprising:

an outer foam layer that includes a top portion, a bottom portion, a middle portion, an interior surface, an opening formed at the bottom portion, an internal volume defined as the volume bordered by the interior surface of the outer foam layer and the opening of the outer foam layer, and an exterior surface, wherein the outer foam layer is substantially waterproof such that water may not easily directly pass through the outer foam layer from the exterior surface of the outer foam layer to the interior surface of the outer foam layer; a moisture absorbent member ~~operable to be inserted through the opening formed at the bottom portion of the outer foam layer and having a first side, a second side, an open top end and an open bottom end, the moisture~~

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absorbent member positioned within the internal volume of the outer foam layer adjacent the middle portion of the interior surface of the outer foam layer, and the open bottom end of the moisture absorbent member positioned adjacent the opening of the outer foam layer, the moisture absorbent member operable to receive the grip on the shaft of the golf club through the opening formed at the bottom portion of the outer foam layer while the outer foam layer continuously covers the moisture absorbent member and the moisture absorbent member substantially surrounds the grip, wherein the moisture absorbent member is operable to be disassembled from the foam layer for cleaning; and a hook operable to attach the apparatus to a golf bag, wherein the grip on the shaft of the golf club may be inserted into the opening of the outer foam layer and into the internal volume of the outer foam layer, the outer foam layer operable to be squeezed to contact the moisture absorbent member with the grip on the shaft of the golf club to provide additional contact between the moisture absorbent member and the grip on

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the shaft of the golf club to condition the grip while a portion of the shaft of the golf club is positioned within the opening of the outer foam layer without the opening being securely engaged around the portion of the shaft of the golf club positioned within the opening.

45. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the moisture absorbent member is rectangular shaped and is positioned within the internal volume of the outer foam layer in a folded position.

46. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, further comprising a cloth material positioned over the exterior surface of the outer foam layer.

47. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer foam layer is a closed-cell foam.

48. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, further comprising:

a logo displayed on the exterior surface of the outer foam layer.

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49. through 53 (Canceled).

54. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the outer foam layer is made of one of the group consisting of polyvinyl chloride, neoprene, polyolefin, vinyl/nitrile, and polyurethane.

55. through 59. (Canceled).

60. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 44, wherein the opening formed at the bottom portion of the outer foam layer is provided generally in an elliptical shape.

61. (Canceled).